## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		)	
		:	Examiner: Q. Vo
HISASHI ISHIKAWA		)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/611,948		)	
		:	Confirmation No. 5415
Filed: July 3, 2003		)	
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued

Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office

Action dated April 15, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows: